

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Western District of North Carolina

United States of America

v.

Jose Flores Romero

Date of Original Judgment: 02/22/2021

Date of Previous Amended Judgment: _____

(Use Date of Last Amended Judgment if Any)

Case No: 0419 3:20CR00097-002USM No: 35429-058

W. Rob Heroy

Defendant's Attorney

**ORDER REGARDING MOTION FOR SENTENCE REDUCTION
PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c)(2)**

Upon motion of ☐ the defendant ☐ the Director of the Bureau of Prisons ☐ the court under 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c)(2) for a reduction in the term of imprisonment imposed based on a guideline sentencing range that has subsequently been lowered and made retroactive by the United States Sentencing Commission pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 994(u), and having considered such motion, and taking into account the policy statement set forth at USSG §1B1.10 and the sentencing factors set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a), to the extent that they are applicable,

IT IS ORDERED that the motion is:

☐ DENIED. ☒ GRANTED and the defendant's previously imposed sentence of imprisonment (as reflected in the last judgment issued) of 87 months **is reduced to** 70 months.

(See Page 2 for additional parts. Complete Parts I and II of Page 2 when motion is granted)

Except as otherwise provided, all provisions of the judgment dated 03/10/2021, shall remain in effect.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Signed: February 9, 2024

Effective Date: _____

(if different from order date)



Frank D. Whitney
United States District Judge

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DEFENDANT: Jose Flores RomeroCASE NUMBER: 3:20CR00097DISTRICT: Western District of North Carolina**I. COURT DETERMINATION OF GUIDELINE RANGE (Prior to Any Departures)**Previous Total Offense Level: 29Amended Total Offense Level: 27Criminal History Category: ICriminal History Category: IPrevious Guideline Range: 87 to 108 monthsAmended Guideline Range: 70 to 87 months**II. SENTENCE RELATIVE TO THE AMENDED GUIDELINE RANGE**

- ☒ The reduced sentence is within the amended guideline range.
- ☐ The previous term of imprisonment imposed was less than the guideline range applicable to the defendant at the time of sentencing as a result of a substantial assistance departure or Rule 35 reduction, and the reduced sentence is comparably less than the amended guideline range.
- ☐ The reduced sentence is above the amended guideline range.

III. FACTORS CONSIDERED UNDER USSG § 1B1.10 AND 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a) (See *Chavez-Meza v. United States*, 138 S.Ct. 1959 (2018))

Defendant is eligible for a sentence reduction under Amendment 821 to the United States Sentencing Guidelines because he is a “Zero-Point Offender” under revised Guideline Section 4C1.1(a). Therefore, he is entitled to a 2-level reduction of his total offense level, from a total offense level of 29 to a total offense level of 27 for a guideline range of 70 to 87 months, consistent with the Court’s original finding concerning the mandatory minimum sentence in this case. Further, the Court has considered the sentencing factors set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a) in rendering an appropriate reduced sentence and finds that a sentence of 70 months is sufficient but not greater than necessary to serve the purposes of sentencing.